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CLOAKS, SUITS, AND FURS

commences to-morrow morning promptly at opening hour—8:30. It is highly desirable to come early, as in some instances the lots are limited to comparatively small quantities. Coats of all sorts are included. Almost every style of Suit and Skirt we displayed this season is represented. The reductions average more than a third; in some instances they are more than half.

Carpets, Rugs, Druggets, Oil-Cloths and Window Shades to be sold at great reductions.

CARVED MR. BACHRACH

Thief Made His Escape by Using His Knife.

THE WOUND NOT SERIOUS

Had Stolen an Overcoat Belonging to Dr. A. G. Cabell, and Was Trying to Pawn it at the Time of the Occurrence.

While attempting to capture a desperate negro criminal and recover a fine overcoat, the property of Dr. Arthur G. Cabell, of No. 311 West Franklin Street, Mr. Samuel Bachrach, the well-known pawnbroker and loan agent, of No. 24-26 North Ninth Street, narrowly escaped being badly carved up by a knife in the hands of the thief last night. He sustained quite a painful slash across the left hand, from the wrist to the middle finger, when the article he suffered a good deal.

Fifteen minutes later the coat was found in the Capitol Square by Patrolmen Lang and Gary. It was returned to Dr. Cabell, who had missed it less than an hour previously.

PAWNED OVERCOATS. In the pockets of the coat the officers found three pairs of gloves, and this leads them to believe that before attempting to pawn the physician's coat with Mr. Bachrach, the negro disposed of at least two others in other pawnshops. This theory will be closely followed by the detectives to-morrow, when they go to work on the case, and it may be that a number of coats will be recovered as a result of the exciting episode, which came so near terminating seriously for Mr. Bachrach.

The attack upon the pawnbroker was entirely unexpected by him, and that he escaped without sustaining more serious injury is really remarkable in view of the facts in the case. The negro was desperate, and was determined that he should not be taken. He turned on his would-be captor with a vengeance, slashing right and left with a big knife.

GAINED HIS LIBERTY. The first stroke with the blade had the desired effect, for the cold steel passed rapidly across the back of Mr. Bachrach's hand, and he immediately relinquished his hold on the negro, allowing him to continue his flight through the square.

About 9 o'clock last night the negro, whose identity is still a mystery, entered the place of Mr. Bachrach, on Ninth Street, coming by way of the door nearest Broad Street. He had evidently been looking over the place, and proceeded immediately to take this off.

To one of the clerks in the establishment he said he wished to borrow \$1.00 on the article. It was the measureless of the sum asked that aroused the suspicion of the clerk, and he examined the coat thoroughly, with the result that underneath the collar he found the nameplate of a well-known tailor and the inscription of Dr. Cabell's name. This fact assured him that the article had been stolen, and he told the negro to wait a minute.

BECAME SUSPICIOUS. Going into the other room the clerk informed Mr. Bachrach of his discovery. In the meantime the negro had evidently become suspicious, and fearing capture he left by the same door he had entered. Mr. Bachrach followed by another exit, but could see nothing of the negro.

Walking down towards Grace Street the pawnbroker discovered the darky hiding in the shadow of a fence, but he gave up this position and started off rapidly across the street. He was halted by the loud commands of Mr. Bachrach, and calmly awaited his arrival, which Mr. Bachrach approached near enough to get his hands on the overcoat, which was under the arm of the negro, and then the knife came into play, with the aforesaid result, Mr. Bachrach releasing his hold and the negro proceeding rapidly through the square.

Officers Lang and Gary were on the scene shortly. They started through the park in pursuit, but had not gone far when they found the coat, the negro evi-

dently having thrown it down in order to keep down suspicion. The coat was stolen from the residence of Dr. Cabell about 8 o'clock, he having left it in the hall when he went in for supper.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Arrangements Being Made For a Big Gathering of Heptasophs.

The local convalescence of the Independent Order of Heptasophs are preparing to entertain the national convention of the order here next June. A joint committee has just been appointed, and a meeting will be held Tuesday night next at the rooms of Richmond Conclave, No. 122. The convention will be one of the features of the year in the way of big meetings. Fully 1,200 people will come, and many prominent men, including Supreme Archon Cohen, of Baltimore, will be along. The body will sit four or five days. The Masonic Temple has been engaged for the meeting and arrangements have been made with Murphy's Hotel, Ford's and the Lexington for the entertainment of the guests.

ANOTHER OPERATION

Mrs. William B. Pizzini Will Go to the Virginia Hospital.

Upon the return to the city to-day, Mrs. William B. Pizzini, who was so badly injured some time ago in the Asbury Park automobile tragedy, will go to the Virginia Hospital, where she will shortly undergo an operation.

Among the injuries sustained by Mrs. Pizzini in the accident was a broken limb. It now becomes evident that the bone was badly set and is not knitting well together. Hence the necessity for a second operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Pizzini are expected in the city on the 8 o'clock train this morning. They have been on a visit to New York.

NOTHING TO SAY

Rev. Mr. Crawford Says He Had Heard No Word Officially from Committee.

The Rev. C. H. Crawford, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia, has nothing to say concerning the attitude of the Executive Committee with reference to his reelection to the position he now fills.

When seen yesterday Mr. Crawford declined to discuss the matter for publication. He says he has not yet heard officially from the committee, and that any statement should come from that quarter.

Mr. Crawford has not yet reached a decision in connection with the two calls he is now considering.

M'CHESNEY WON THE HANDICAP

This Speedy Animal Galloped Under the Wire a Head in Front of His Entire Field.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, La., January 31.—McChesney and Scotch Field ruled favorites at even money in the Merchants' handicap, worth \$2,100 to the winner. McChesney galloped in a head in front of his field. McChesney and Jim Clark, both ridden by Radfern, were the only winning favorites. Summary:

First race—selling, seven furlongs—Carl Kahler (8 to 1) first, Hedge (3 to 1) second, Paul Creighton (13 to 2) third. Time, 1:28.

Second race—five furlongs—Applesweet (6 to 1) first, James Mack (7 to 1) second, Harry McDaniel (18 to 5) third. Time, 1:10 4-5.

Third race—handicap, six furlongs—Scorpio (25 to 1) first, Dummer (12 to 5) second, Mrs. Frank Foster (10 to 1) third. Time, 1:14 2-5.

Fourth race—Merchants' handicap, mile and sixteenth—McChesney (10 to 1) first, Hargis (10 to 1) second, Harry New (4 to 1) third. Time, 1:48 2-5.

Fifth race—selling, mile and a half—Hargis (4 to 1) first, Satin Coat (8 to 1) second, Hayward Hunter (8 to 5) third. Time, 2:37.

Sixth race—mile—Jim Clark (2 to 1) first, St. Tammany (13 to 5) second, Bard of Avon (9 to 2) third. Time, 1:41 4-5.

MODERN FABLES.

By GEORGE ADE.

THE MODERN FABLE OF THE MARRIED COUPLE THAT WENT TO HOUSEKEEPING AND BEGAN TO FIND OUT THINGS.

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Once there was a Happy Young Pair, each of whom got stuck on the Photograph of the other and thereupon a Marriage was arranged by Mail.



Shortly after taking the Life Risk they started in to get acquainted. Up to the time that they moved into the Arcadian Flats and began to take orders from the Janitor, he never had seen little Sunshine except in her Evening Frock.

He had a sort of sneaking Suspicion that she arose every Morning already attired in a Paris Gown and all the Diamonds.

And she supposed that he went to the Office every Day in his regular John Drew Regalia with the Constricting Hat.

After she began to see Hubby around the Flat in his Other Clothes the Horrible Truth dawned upon her that he was not such a Hot Swell as he had looked to be in the Bunko Photograph.

Sometimes on Rainy Sundays he would cut out the Morning Service and decide not to Slave and then when she got a good long look at him she would begin to doubt her own Judgment.

And so far as that is concerned, there were Mornings after they had been out late to a Welsh Reel Party, when she was fairly hard to look at.

Love's Young Dream was handed several goshawful Whacks about the Time that they started in to get a Line on each other.

For instance, the first Morning at Breakfast it came out that her Idea of a Dainty Snack with which to usher in the day was a Lettuce Sandwich, a Couple of Olives and a Child's Cup full of Cocoa while he wanted \$35 worth of Ham and Eggs, a stack of Griddle Cakes and a Turban of Coffee.

She was a case of Ambrosia and Nectar and he was plain old Ham and Sphach.

It used to give her Hysterics to see him back at an Ear of Green Corn, at the

same time making a Sound like a Dredge For Dinner she liked a Little Consomme on Tasse and then a Nice Salad while he insisted on a Steak the size of a Lap and Robs and German Fried to come along.

They did not know each other at all on their Reading Matter. She liked Henry James and Walter Pater and he preferred Horace Papers and the Comic Supplement. Sometimes when she would wander off into the Realm of Poesy he would follow her as far as he could and when it came down to wait for her to get through rambling and come back.

If they took in a Show she was always plugging for Mrs. Plake or Duss, while he claimed that Rogers' Brothers were better than Booth and Barrett had been in their Prime.

She could weep over a Tosted Bermuda and he would walk a Mile at any time to see a good Buck Dance.

When they got around to fixing up an Aviary Lion there was a story of a sea Gull and a Hawing.

All of his Friends belonged to the High-Binder Division. Their only Conception of a Happy Evening was to put the buck in the Center of the Table, break a fresh Pack and go out for Blood.

Wifey found her most delicious Joy in putting passionate Shades on all the Lamps and sitting there in the Crimson Glow to discuss Masterclink and Marten Maartens and a few others that were New Ones on the he-and-of-the-Sketch.

When they had an Evening at Home up in the Flat it was usually a two-ring Affair. She would have the Corebellums in the Front Room looking at the New Books and eating Peppermint Wafers



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She permitted him to have a Room and call it his Den, so that he and his Friends could do the Escape in case somebody in the Parlor started a Reading.

He put up the Cola to enable her to attend State Conventions and when she was elected Recording Secretary of the Society for trying to find out what Brown was up to, he took her Picture around to all the Newspapers and told every one that he had a little Woman up at the House who was as Keen as a Hawk, as Swift as an Eagle and Sharper than Chained Lightning.

He fumbled a great many of her Inseparables but that did not prevent him from admiring her Delivery.

Finally they arranged their separate Schedules so that they did not see much of each other and they began to get along all right. Occasionally they had a slight difference, but they could always catch it up. For instance, the selected Aubrey De Courcy as a Name for the First Born while he held out for Bill, so they had to compromise on Aubrey De Courcy.

Aubrey is now ten years of age. Mother is teaching him to Crochet and Father is showing him how to Draw without tipping off his Hand, while all the friends are sitting around, waiting to see Aubrey's Finish.

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Midwinter Clearance Sale!

No other midwinter sale of Shoes ever meant so much to you as this one does. It is a clearing sale following close upon the heels of the most successful season in our history—and the store that shows the greatest progress is almost certain to be one that offers the most desirable styles, the most perfect workmanship, at the most reasonable prices. Such methods permit of nothing out of fashion—nothing undesirable.

Therefore, the shoes that we will begin to clear to-morrow are of the season's choicest sorts and most approved styles. Savings are in most cases greater than half. Below we give you only a partial list of the bargains we offer:

Children's Dongola Shoes, all solid, good styles; button and lace; sizes 4 to 8. Regular prices, 50, 60, 39c and 75c. **59c**

Children's Dongola Shoes, all solid, good styles; lace; sizes 8½ to 11; solid for \$1, now **59c**

About 200 pairs of Ladies' Shoes, some of which sold for \$3.50, mostly oaks and ends, now **89c**

Ladies' Shoes, several styles; button and lace; not a pale worth **\$1.19**

Little Girls' Shoes, all solid, good styles; sizes 10 to 12½, regular prices \$1.00 to \$1.50, now **69c**

Misses' Dongola Kid Shoes, several styles; mostly all sizes 1½ to 2; regular \$1.25 grade, now **79c**

500 pairs of Boys' All-Solid Shoes; good styles and good wearers; in box grain and satin calf; sizes 2½ to 5½; sold for \$1.25 to \$1.50, all now **89c**

Ladies' patent Colt Shoes, up-to-date styles **\$1.69**

Ladies' \$3.00 and \$3.50 Shoes, several lots to be closed out. We have in this lot several pairs of Patent **\$1.98**

Viel Kid—now **\$1.98**

We have the largest variety of high-grade Shoe Laces, all colors, for Ladies' laces and Belts ever shown in this city. Full directions how to make them.

Men's Shoes. In this department we have cut prices on a great many goods to less than ¼ of original prices. Remember the following prices apply to new goods, not to odd lots and old styles:

Men's Lace and Congress Shoes; sizes broken **98c**

Men's Satin Oiled and Viel Kid Lace Shoes **\$1.29**

Several hundred pairs of Men's Shoes, in satin calf, box calf, Viel Kid, worth double the money—**\$1.69**

Men's Welt Shoes, in ten good styles; all good, honest goods; in box calf, Viel Kid, and wax calf; at **\$1.98**

Men's Hand Welt Shoes, in about 30 styles; several hundred pairs this season's goods; all leathers; at **\$2.48**

Men's Patent Viel Kid, Patent Colt, and all other leathers now in use; in \$4.00 and \$5.00 grade; **\$2.98**

Ladies' Rubbers; the 85c. **19c**

Misses' Rubbers; the 85c. **18c**

Children's Rubbers; the 85c. **17c**

Men's Rubber Boots; the \$3.00 grade at **\$2.19**

Ladies' Rubber Boots; the \$2.00 grade at **\$1.29**

Misses' Rubber Boots; the \$1.50 grade at **98c**

Children's Rubber Boots; the \$1.50 grade at **79c**

Men's Arctic Overshoes, up from **69c**

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With the Railroads

Summer J. Collins, of Chicago, formerly general superintendent of the Wisconsin Central, has been appointed general superintendent of the Eastern District of the Southern Railroad, with headquarters at Salisbury, N. C. He succeeds Joseph Sands, whose resignation was recorded in The Times-Dispatch yesterday.

The newly-appointed official will assume the duties of his position immediately. The resignation of Mr. Sands and the subsequent appointment of Mr. Collins has aroused no little amount of interest in Richmond, where the former is well known. The duties of his position called him to the city frequently, and he has numbers of friends who learned with surprise of his resignation.

Robert M. Stamper, formerly connected with the Wm. R. Trigg Company, of this city, has been appointed to a position in the engineering department of the Chesapeake and Ohio. He departed last Friday for Kentucky, where work on the Big Sandy extension is being pushed rapidly.

Atlanta will be the scene on the 10th of next month of three large railroad meetings, at which prominent officials from every center in the South and West will be present. The Associated Railroads of Virginia and the Carolinas will convene for the purpose of discussing schedules, connections and rates; the Southern Iron Committee, composed of representatives of all the lines of the South, will get together and consider the best and quickest way of handling the ever-increasing output of iron from the fields of Alabama; the Southern Freight Association, B. P. Parrott, chairman, will hold a special called meeting to look into matters pertaining to the freight condition and to relieve, if possible, the general congestion on all of the lines in this section.

Of the three meetings, the session of the Iron Committee is looked upon as the most important, as the steady increase in the growth of this industry in the South has aroused interest from one end of the country to the other. Frequently has it been stated that in future years Birmingham will supplant Pittsburgh, and every system of any consequence in this section is striving to gain a foothold in the Alabama city. Recently the Seaboard Air Line succeeded in getting into Birmingham, and officials of this company will take an important part in the meeting at Atlanta on the 10th.

Among the other lines who will be represented by their traffic managers at the session are the "Prisco System, Central of Georgia, Louisville and Nashville, Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis, Western and Atlantic, Southern Railroad, Alabama Great Southern, Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific and other smaller lines.

Some time ago the company paid into the coffers of the State a cool million for taxes on their main line, which passes through from the northern boundary to the extreme southern limit of the State, making a total of over a million and a half given to Mississippi by the rich corporation within less than six months.

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CLOUDY TO-DAY

Temperature May Be Slightly Warmer. Much Sickness Now.

The sickening sultry weather of the past few days will probably continue through to-day. The only change, if any, will be a change for the worse. The Weather Bureau predicts a cloudy day with a temperature almost stationary. If there is any change in the thermometer it will be a slight rise.

Throughout the country the weather

conditions are only ordinary. A zero temperature prevails at many places in the West. At Bismarck, North Dakota, where it was 20 below zero on Friday, the thermometer here was 14 degrees below. It was snowing yesterday at Buffalo, Oswego and other places.

The weather conditions here are productive of much sickness. Many persons are ill with pneumonia and grip, and every other man has a heavy cold. Several prominent persons report more sickness in their churches than ever before in their ministry.

A PEN PRESENTED TO MRS. OVERMAN

Governor Aycock, of North Carolina, Signs the New United States Senator's Commission.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALPHIGH, N. C., January 31.—Governor Aycock to-day issued to Lee S. Overman his commission as United States Senator. The Governor signed it with a special gold pen, which Private Secretary P. M. Fernald presented to Mrs. Overman. Overman left for his home at Salisbury this afternoon.

Governor Aycock and his staff left this afternoon on a special car for Southern Pines, where they will be guests of the Carolina Hotel for several days.

Little word of public interest was done in either branch of the Assembly to-day, owing to the absence of many members who obtained leave of absence as soon as the senatorial fight was over.

In the Senate Mr. Beasley introduced a bill creating a historical commission of five members to be appointed by the Governor to serve without pay and expense \$500 per year in gathering and putting in permanent form State historical data.

Many petitions on the liquor question were introduced. Among bills passed were bills to amend Greenboro's amendment to issue bonds, and to use certain funds for water works improvements; to amend charter of Reidsville; joint resolution to appoint three members to inspect insane asylums.

The bill to make drunkenness a misdemeanor was discussed an hour and failed to pass, receiving only six votes. Discussing it, Mr. Welborn, of Ashe county, declared that in his prohibition county, he was kept awake at night by drunken rowdies and vendors of illicit whiskey. Since prohibition was established nineteen serious fights and two murders had occurred.

Unpleasant to whiskey. He wanted drunkenness to be made a misdemeanor in order to cease this outlawry.

The Senate failed to pass the bill appropriating \$2,000 to renovate and repair the Senate Chamber and Hall of Representatives.

Only a few local bills were introduced in the House. The anti-cannon cracker and toy pistol bill was made special order for next Wednesday. Bills amending charters of insurance companies of Greensboro were referred to Insurance Committee. Bill to allow sale of wines and liquors to guests in Jackson and Transylvania counties made special order for Tuesday.

Hutaff Suit Compromised.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 31.—The damage suit of George Hutaff vs. Wilmington Sewage Company, which consumed this entire week in the Superior Court, was settled to-day through a compromise verdict, allowing plaintiff \$4,000. Suit was brought for \$35,000, but the compromise seems to satisfy both sides.

Hutaff had made an excavation made by the sewerage company, sustaining injuries alleged to be permanent.

CHAFFANOOGA, TENN.—The Executive Committee of the Southern Golf Association met in this city to-day, all members present. It was decided to hold the tournament in Asheville, N. C., May 2-24.

But the committee will hereafter set a time especially for the hearing of the last mentioned bill, and give ample notice that all may come who desire to be heard.

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